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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

1. I AM PLANNING TO VISIT THE U.K. TO OBTAIN INFORMATION
ON THE UNDERLYING CONCEPTS AND PRACTICAL FUNCTIONING OF
NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY
SYSTEM IN THE U.K. I PLAN TO BRING WITH ME ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR HEALTH JULIUS RICHMOND AND OTHER HEW OFFICIALS
WITH KNOWLEDGE OF HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEMS--PROBABLY SEVEN
PEOPLE IN ALL. PROVISIONALLY, WE PLAN TO ARRIVE IN LONDON
THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, AND SPEND OCTOBER 10, 11,
AND 12 IN ENGLAND, INCLUDING PERHAPS A DAY IN AN APPROPRIATE
LOCATION OUTSIDE LONDON, AND DEPARTING FOR A SCANDINAVIAN
COUNTRY THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 12. I WOULD LIKE TO ADHERE
TO THIS SCHEDULE IF FEASIBLE; HOWEVER, IF YOU KNOW OF
REASONS WHY THESE DATES WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE, PLEASE LET
ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DURING MY VISIT, I WISH TO
CONCENTRATE ON REVIEWING AND DISCUSSING THE NATIONAL HEALTH
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INSURANCE SYSTEM WITH APPROPRIATE U.K. OFFICIALS, AVOIDING
TIME-CONSUMING PROTOCOL OR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IF POSSIBLE.
I WILL APPRECIATE FACILITATIVE SERVICES ASSISTANCE FROM
THE EMBASSY, SUCH AS TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT.
EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF PLANE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND
ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES WHEN THESE ARE FIRM.

2. I HAVE ASKED TWO OF MY AIDES TO VISIT LONDON IN SEPTEMBER TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS TRIP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY. THESE OFFICIALS ARE MR. THOMAS L. JOHNS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, HEW, AND DR. MICHAEL MCGINNIS, CONSULTANT TO THE SECRETARY. THEY PLAN TO ARRIVE IN LONDON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AND TO SPEND TWO OR THREE DAYS IN LONDON, AS NEEDED, BEFORE GOING ON TO A SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRY. MR. JOHNS WILL BE CONCERNED WITH LOGISTICAL AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AND DR. MCGINNIS WITH ARRANGING THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. MCGINNIS WILL WISH TO CONFIRM OR IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE U.K. OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE SHOULD MEET, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE PLANS TO HAVE APPOINTMENTS WITH THESE OFFICIALS DURING HIS ADVANCE VISIT. INFORMATION ON PLANE FLIGHT NUMBERS AND TIMES FOR JOHNS AND MCGINNIS WILL BE SENT EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE, ALONG WITH NAMES OF OFFICIALS MCGINNIS WANTS TO SEE. HOWEVER, I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR SUGGESTIONS OF SUITABLE OFFICIALS, AND, WHEN LIST IS FIRM, HEW MAY REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO JOHNS AND MCGINNIS IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS AND POSSIBLY IN OTHER RESPECTS.

3. I HOPE THESE PLANS WILL NOT UNDULY BURDEN YOUR STAFF, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN LONDON. VANCE

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